

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29232 / H0537

This is one of a series of bills the Supreme Court has recommended in its annual report to the Governor concerning defects or omissions in the laws, as required by article V, section 25 of the Idaho Constitution. I.C. § 2-219 permits administrative district judges to delegate their Uniform Jury Selection and Service Act duties and responsibilities to other judges in their districts. Specifically, the statute authorizes the delegation of such duties to district judges and “duly appointed” magistrates. While magistrates are initially appointed per I.C. § 1-2203, they are subsequently retained in office via election pursuant to I.C. § 1-2220. In order to clarify that jury act duties may be delegated to magistrates so retained, the unnecessarily limiting term “duly appointed” should be stricken from I.C. § 2-219.

FISCAL NOTE

This proposed amendment will have no fiscal impact upon the General Fund, any other state fund, or local governments. The proposed amendment will only remove confusing terminology, and thus, it will cause neither an increase nor decrease in existing or future appropriations or revenues.

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